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HOT TUB FILTER MAINTENANCE

How to Maximize Filtration

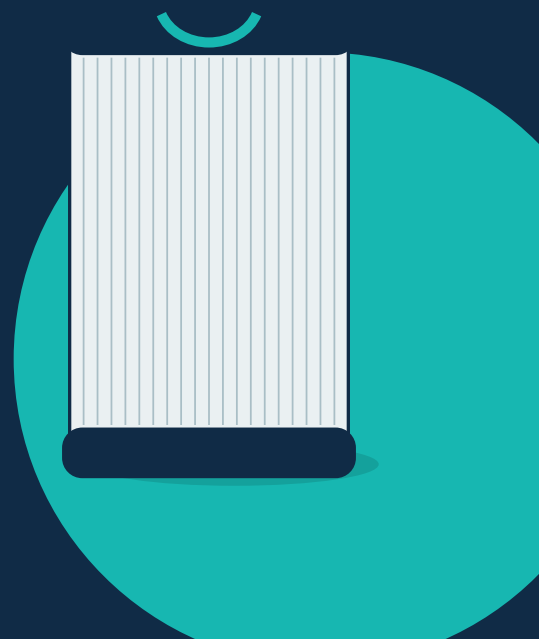
A proactive filter-care plan for clearer water, stronger flow, and better protection for your spa's pumps, heater, and jets.

INSIDE THIS GUIDE

- A fast weekly rinse routine
- Deep-cleaning steps and timing
- Warning signs your filter is failing
- A printable care checklist

WHERE BETTER HOT TUBBING BEGINS

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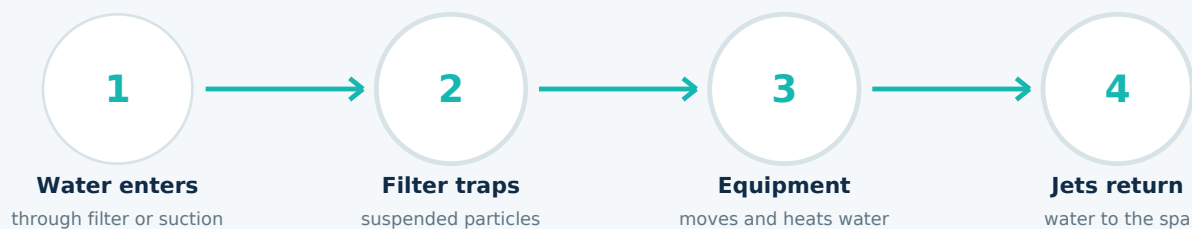


UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM

Why Filter Care Matters

Your filter does far more than catch leaves. It removes suspended debris, hair, body oils, and other particles before they can keep circulating through the spa. Clean media supports clearer water and helps protect the equipment that moves and heats it.

A SIMPLIFIED WATER PATH



What happens when it clogs?

- Flow can fall and error codes may appear
- Cloudiness becomes harder to control
- Pumps and heaters may work under stress

About bypass and suction

Spa plumbing varies. Some systems include filter bypasses or separate suction fittings. A restricted filter may increase bypass flow or simply reduce circulation. Either way, clean filters help the system perform as designed.

THE BIG IDEA

Water clarity is a team effort.

Filtration removes particles. Sanitizer controls microorganisms. Water balance supports comfort and equipment protection. A clean filter cannot correct poor chemistry - and chemistry cannot compensate for a blocked filter.

WEEKLY ROUTINE

The 10-Minute Filter Rinse

Inspect weekly and rinse whenever the pleats show debris, after unusually heavy use, or when flow begins to drop. If your owner's manual specifies a different schedule, follow it.

1

Turn the spa off

Use the control panel and, when the manual calls for it, the disconnect or breaker. Never remove a filter while water is being pulled through it.

2

Remove carefully

Lift the cartridge straight out. Keep leaves and debris from falling into the open filter well or standpipe.

3

Rinse at an angle

Use a garden hose with moderate pressure. Aim about 45 degrees downward so debris leaves the pleats instead of being driven deeper.

4

Work every pleat

Start at the top, rotate the cartridge fully, then flip it and repeat. Spread pleats gently where needed - never pry them apart.

5

Inspect while wet

Look for cracked end caps, broken bands, collapsed pleats, loose fibers, scale, or a greasy feel that rinsing did not remove.

6

Reinstall before restart

Seat the cartridge correctly, secure the retainer or lid, and confirm all parts are in place before restoring power.

USE THIS

- ✓ Garden hose or laundry sink
- ✓ Moderate water pressure
- ✓ A pleat-cleaning wand, if desired

AVOID THIS

- ✗ Pressure washers
- ✗ Dishwashers or washing machines
- ✗ Household soap, bleach, or degreaser

DEEP CLEANING

Remove What Water Alone Cannot

A hose rinse removes loose debris, but body oils, cosmetics, lotions, and scale can stay deep in the media. A proper cartridge cleaner restores flow more effectively than repeated surface rinsing.

EVERY 3 TO 4 MONTHS - A PRACTICAL STARTING POINT

- 1 Rinse first**
Remove loose debris before soaking.
- 2 Soak**
Use a spa-filter cleaner mixed exactly as labeled.
- 3 Wait**
Allow the recommended contact time - often several hours or overnight.
- 4 Rinse fully**
Keep rinsing until no cleaner or foam remains.
- 5 Inspect and dry**
Let it dry completely when rotating a spare filter.

A Simple Maintenance Rhythm

WHEN	ACTION	WHY
Weekly	Inspect and hose-rinse	Stops debris from building up
After heavy use	Inspect; rinse if needed	Bather load adds oils and particles
Every 3-4 months	Deep soak during water change	Breaks down oils and residue
Monthly	Inspect end caps, bands, and media	Finds physical failure early
Typically 12-24 months	Evaluate for replacement	Age, use, and care vary widely

FOAM ALERT

Rinse the filter after a foam event. If using a quick-clean spray, rinse extremely well before reinstalling.

REPLACEMENT GUIDE

When a Filter Has Reached the End

Cleaning cannot repair damaged media. Replace the cartridge when its structure no longer keeps water moving through intact, evenly spaced pleats.



CRACKED END CAPS

Split, warped, brittle, or crumbling plastic can prevent the cartridge from sealing correctly.



BROKEN PLEAT BANDS

Bands keep pleats separated. If roughly a quarter or more are unsupported or collapsed, replacement is a sensible rule of thumb.



LOOSE OR FRAYED MEDIA

Separated fibers and holes allow debris to pass through instead of being trapped.



CRUSHED OR DEFORMED SHAPE

A bowed core, flattened pleats, or a cartridge that no longer fits securely cannot perform reliably.



FLOW DOES NOT RECOVER

If a correct deep clean does not restore normal flow, the media may be permanently loaded or scaled.



RECURRING DEBRIS

Particles returning through the jets after chemistry and circulation are confirmed can point to damaged media or an incorrect fit.

Before You Buy a Replacement

- Match the manufacturer part number, dimensions, and open or closed end style.
- Confirm the center-core design and any handle, thread, or standpipe connection.
- Choose the correct filtration area; more square footage can increase dirt-holding capacity, but only when the cartridge is designed for your spa.
- Keep one clean spare if your soaking schedule makes overnight deep cleaning inconvenient.

Color alone is not a reliable replacement test. Focus on structure, fit, flow, and whether deep cleaning still works.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Your Filter-Care Checklist

Print this page and keep it with your water-care supplies. A few minutes of routine attention can prevent hours of troubleshooting later.

Weekly / As Needed

- ☐ Inspect pleats for visible debris
- ☐ Check for normal circulation and jet flow
- ☐ Turn the spa off before removal
- ☐ Rinse at a 45-degree downward angle
- ☐ Work between every pleat
- ☐ Reinstall securely before restart

At Each Water Change

- ☐ Rinse away loose debris
- ☐ Soak with labeled cartridge cleaner
- ☐ Rinse until all cleaner is gone
- ☐ Inspect end caps and pleat bands
- ☐ Check media for holes or loose fibers
- ☐ Record the cleaning date below

Maintenance Log

DATE	RINSED	DEEP CLEANED	CONDITION / NOTES

CLEARER WATER STARTS WITH CONSISTENT CARE

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